COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN RE:

THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC HELD BY:

DAN B. MERLIN, D.C. Merlin Chiropractic Center 1015 Southtown Blvd. P. O. Box 21995 Owensboro, KY 42304

AGREED ORDER

Comes the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners, hereafter the "Board," by counsel, and Dan B. Merlin, D.C., hereafter the "Respondent," and the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. That Respondent advertised a free or discounted service in the 1997

 Hometown Directory and Messenger Inquirer, without including adequate

 notice of the seventy-two (72) hour right of recission required by KRS

 312.019(9)(g) and 201 KAR 21:080, Section 2(1);
- 2. That Respondent admits he failed to send a copy of the written advertisement to the Board simultaneous to publication of the advertisement as required by 201 KAR 21:065, Section 3;
- 3. That rather than pursue a hearing on these violations, the parties have decided to resolve this matter by means of this Agreed Order.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

a. The Respondent accepts the reprimand of the Board for the above-stated violations. The Respondent agrees he will act more diligently in the future

- to insure that all advertising issued by him, or on his behalf, will comply with KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying regulations;
- b. The Respondent will pay a \$100 fine to the Board. Said fine will be made payable to the "Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners." The Agreed Order and fine must be mailed to the Board's office, postmarked no later than September 12, 1997;
- c. The Respondent shall post complete notice of the right of recission in his office until the new telephone directory is published, but in no event shall the notice be removed before September 30, 1997;
- d. The Board shall make no referral of this matter for any criminal proceeding;
- e. The Respondent enters into this Agreed Order knowingly, willingly and voluntarily and after having reviewed the due process rights afforded to him under KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying regulations;
- f. The Respondent understands that by signing this Agreed Order, he has waived his right to a hearing on the allegations, including the right to be present with counsel, to subpoena witnesses and to confront those against him, and the right to appeal the Board's decision as entered in the Agreed Order and the full panoply of rights of hearing and appeal as authorized by statute, regulation and court decision;

- This Agreed Order is subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records g. Act;
- The Respondent acknowledges he is ineligible for participation in any h. chiropractic preceptorship program for five years pursuant to 201 KAR 21:085, Section 2(7);
- i. The Respondent agrees that his failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreed Order may result in the Board setting this matter for hearing.

KENTUCKY BOARD OF

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8-28-97 DATE

DAN B. MERLIN, D.C.

RESPONDENT